



0262: WILDE OSCAR: (1854-1900) Irish Playwright and Novelist

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DESCRIPTION

WILDE OSCAR: (1854-1900) Irish Playwright and Novelist. Brief A.L.S., Oscar, one page, 8vo, Tite Street, Chelsea, n.d., to 'My Dear delightful Viking'. Wilde writes, in full, 'Let us lunch at the Lyric Tomorrow at 1.30. It is ages since I met you - isn't it? It seems so to me.' In a postscript Wilde further adds 'The Viking is also a great playwright'. VG The identity of Wilde's correspondent, seemingly a fellow playwright, and 'delightful Viking', remains something of an intriguing mystery. Evidently a person held in ...

Evidently a person held in esteem by Wilde, there are (perhaps surprisingly) no references to 'Viking' in Ellman's biography of Wilde or the Complete Letters, published in 2000. The Lyric was a London club which, in November 1888, had moved to new quarters in Coventry Street, close to Piccadilly Circus. The new premises boasted many opulent features, including a white and gold theatre, filled with bronze armchairs, friezes of Persian embroidery, a Louis XVI dining room, a quadruple Moorish smoking room and music room for private parties.

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